

From the Desk of Representative Ed Diehl



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Representative Ed Diehl
900 Court St. NE H-378
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RE: SB 916B

Representative Diehl;

On behalf of the City of Stayton, I am urging you to vote NO on SB 916B. The bill, by allowing striking employees to receive unemployment insurance benefits, will likely destabilize labor relations by reducing the risk of a strike for employees while resulting in excess costs to cities. The City has a long history of great labor relations and negotiations where both sides are incentivized to work together.

It is also important to note that the vast majority of public employers replenish the Unemployment Insurance Fund dollar-for-dollar, therefore this not only provides a benefit to the employee, it comes at a cost to the employer. This will add financial stress to cities who are already in a difficult position. Ultimately the bill will likely lead to public funds being used to subsidize the disruption of public services, including public works (water, sewer, storm, streets, parks), utility payments, libraries, and police.

We urge you to vote no!

Sincerely,

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